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THE WEATHER
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RETAILERS BRING WORLD'S ARTISTS TO OMAHA'S DOOR

Association Arranges for Wonderful Series of Concerts to Be Given at Auditorium During the Coming Winter.

STARS OF THE MUSICAL WORLD

Contract for Concerts by Melba, Far-
rar, Kreisler, Paderewski and Boston Symphony Orchestra.

GREAT MUSIC FOR THE PUBLIC

Omaha people are to be invited to attend a feast of music during next fall and winter such as was never spread in this country at popular prices. The Associated Retailers of Omaha have just concluded an arrangement that will bring here the greatest stars in the musical firmament and present them at popular prices at the Auditorium in a series of concerts, running from October on into March.

This enterprise was too great for the backing of a single firm or individual, and the association took it on entering a contract with C. A. Ellis of Boston, pleading a guarantee of \$30,000 for the appearance of the artists he represents.

Schedule of Concerts.

The schedule for the concerts is: Boston Symphony orchestra, the most famous of its kind in America, on October 7. The Boston Symphony orchestra has never played west of Chicago, and its coming to Omaha is a distinct triumph for this town.

Geraldine Farrar, leading soprano of the Metropolitan opera, most noted among American singers, is to be heard on November 23.

Nellie Melba, Australia's wonderful soprano, hailed around the world as the leader of all sopranos, on December 8.

Fritz Kreisler, the Austrian violinist, to whom has been ascribed by critics the foremost place among violinists, not only of today, but of all time, on February 15.

Jan Ignace Paderewski, pianist, whose place at the top is sure and fixed, will be presented in March on a date yet to be fixed.

This will give one concert by a foremost musician during each of the winter months, except January, and as the admission price will be fixed very low, it is expected that the Auditorium will not be any too big to hold the crowds. It is an enterprise worthy the progressive spirit of the men who have undertaken it.

Messrs. George Brandes, Louis C. Nash and C. C. Belden are the committees of the retailers having the arrangements in charge. From them will come later the detailed announcement as to sale of seats and other matters connected with the concerts in which the public will be concerned.

And surplus receipts over and above the expense of the entertainment will be devoted to charity.

Confesses Murder of Lithuanian Priest

WICHITA, Kan., March 12.—Baron Montvid today confessed to the murder of Joseph Zebis, priest of the Lithuanian church at New Britain, Conn., and his housekeeper, February 8, according to Chief of Police Block and New Britain detectives. The prisoner is in the workhouse here for the murder of a policeman last Saturday.

Montvid said, according to the police, he did not actually kill the victim, but he was present when the murder was committed. He said Peter Krakus was the principal in the tragedy. Montvid said that he arranged for the murder by selecting the date and arranging for the meeting of the men implicated and when they met at the appointed place, all went together to the house, and he alleges he saw the people murdered.

The prisoner did not tell how it was actually done, but he made a complete confession, which was written out and signed, according to the police.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p.m. Saturday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
Fair; no important change in temperature.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday

TRYING TO BRING DOWN A BIRDMAN—Dismounted German troopers shooting at Russian aeroplane flying over Poland.



GOVERNOR URGES CONVICT-MADE ROADS

Sends Special Message to Legislature Advocating Action Toward This End.

FOOT AND MOUTH APPROPRIATION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 12.—(Special.) Governor Morehead this morning sent to the house a special message in which he advocates legislation tending to the building of roads and the use of convict labor for the same. He also covers the proposition of the foot and mouth disease. The message was as follows:

"There has been enough money spent in temporarily improving Nebraska's roads to build hundreds of miles of permanent paved roads. No city or town has ever done paying without doing it over the protest of many of the property owners, and yet after the work is done, none of the citizens who are benefited thereby, would go back to the old method of temporary improvements. The same condition would exist if permanent road work would be taken up by the district, county or state."

"If the several counties of our state could succeed in getting a few miles of paved road, it would appeal to the people so strongly that they would at once see the advisability of spending their money in permanent improvements."

"I am still strong in the belief that men serving a jail sentence should be used in our public highways, as well as the men in the penitentiary. We have a law now that permits the use of these men at a very low cost, and as I have often stated, it would be better for the men to be used in this kind of work, and it would be of great benefit to the state."

Likes District Plan.

"I believe that the law for good roads should be framed along the same plan as paving districts are organized in cities, so that property owners who are desirous of building good roads could form paving districts. After a few districts are formed and some permanent roads built,

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"The mob then rushed toward the national palace, where the priests, who had been confined by Obregon, the Carranza commander, until they consented to pay a ransom of \$500,000 gold, were held prisoners. A battle lasting twenty minutes ensued and the mob scattered.

Whether the mob was beaten back by police or by Zapata soldiers was not disclosed in the messages.

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Japanese and His German Bride Are Finally Released

NEW YORK, March 12.—Yasu Yazu, a Japanese and his German bride, who was Kate Kluger, both of whom have passed a seven months' honeymoon in the jail at Saarbrücken, arrived here yesterday from Italy on board the steamer Ancona. They said that German officials who learned that they had been married soon after Japan entered the war, refused to sanction the marriage, but that the American consul obtained their release from jail as Yazu had lived seventeen years in the United States. Another marriage ceremony was performed on their arrival here.

CAPTAIN HENRY KING IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—The condition of Captain Henry King, former managing editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who has been critically ill for several days, was slightly improved this afternoon.

The general feeling is that as the bill will pass anyway that it should pass with the emergency clause so that the people of the annexed district may take part in the election of city commissioners at the spring election.

However, Representative Barrett, who has been leading the fight against the bill on the floor, said he would fight the bill to the end and said he had two votes changed already.

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature..... 34 Deficiency for the day..... 34 Deficiency since March 1..... 34 Normal precipitation..... .04 inch Deficiency for the day..... .04 inch Deficiency since March 1..... 1.00 inches Excess since March 1..... 1.00 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1914..... .47 inch Deficiency for cor. period, 1913..... .47 inch

Comparative Local Record.

1915 1914 1913 1912
Highest yesterday..... 35 35 35 35
Lowest yesterday..... 28 27 28 27
Mean temperature..... 32 42 46 38
Precipitation..... .00 .00 .53 .00

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Reports from Stations at 7 P.M.

Station and State Term High Rain-
of Weather. 7 p.m. est fall.
Cheyenne, clear..... 38 44 .00
Davenport, clear..... 40 45 .00
Des Moines, clear..... 39 60 .00
Dodge City, part cloudy..... 48 50 .00
North Platte, cloudy..... 38 32 .00
Omaha, clear..... 35 37 .00
Rapid City, part cloudy..... 34 44 .00
Sheridan, cloudy..... 40 44 .00
Sioux City, cloudy..... 34 24 .00
Valentine, clear..... 32 38 .00

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Berlin Reports Sinking of 126 Ships of Enemy

AMSTERDAM, Holland, March 12.—(Via London.)—The Mittag Zeitung of Berlin has published a list of merchantmen said to have been destroyed by the German navy since the beginning of the war. According to it German vessels have sunk 111 steamers with a total tonnage of 400,000; four auxiliary cruisers, with a total tonnage of 22,000; one sailing vessel, one schooner, eight mine sweepers and one troop transport.

War Pictures From the Front Full Page in The Sunday Bee

BRITONS PUSHING THEIR MOVEMENT UPON LA BASSEE

Advance of Allies Toward Strong German Position Believed to Be Beginning of Spring Campaign.

GREAT BATTLE IN THE EAST

Germans Attempting Another Flanking Movement with View of Resuming Advance Along Niemen.

LINE IS EIGHTY MILES LONG

The Day's War News

GERMAN drive at Przasnysz in northern Poland has carried the advancing army within two and one-half miles of the city, the Berlin war office announced today. Russian reports of recent victories are denied and various German successes are recounted.

CONSTANTINOPLE advises, by way of Berlin arc, to the effect that the bombardment of the Dardanelles is being hindered by storms and fog and that the attacking fleet had accomplished nothing more.

PETROGRAD reports a new movement of the German forces in Poland. Following the heavy concentration of German troops for the renewed attack on Przasnysz near the Prussian border, reinforcements have been brought up in the Pilica river region, southwest of Poland. The Russian statement mentions a bombardment of Ossowitz by German aviators, but is silent as to the course of the main engagement.

BRITISH ATTACK in Belgium has brought on two vigorous counter movements by the Germans, but it is said in London that the ground gained has been held in Champagne further progress for the French is claimed, although the German war office announced two days ago that this battle had been concluded.

Twelve Men Go to Dinner Hour After Getting Case and No Verdict in Sight Yet.

PRIVATE ANIMUS, SAYS LAWYER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—Two thousand Mexicans stormed the national palace at Mexico City yesterday in an effort to release 250 Catholic priests imprisoned there, according to advice received here today. A riot followed. Octavio Bertrand, chief of police of the capital, was stabbed; two Mexican assassins who attacked him were killed and a large number of persons injured.

Comes from Vera Cruz.

A message conveying information of the riot was received here from Carranza's representative. At Villa headquarters it was said a similar report had come from Galveston.

The outbreak, it was stated, had its beginning in a demonstration in front of Corpus Christi church on the Alameda of Mexico City, just across a park from the national palace. Orators on the steps were urging a throng of excited people to rush to the national palace when the police chief with a platoon of officers advanced.

It is believed that the Germans will promptly seek to retaliate. If they do this it will compel them to keep their western forces intact, if not to reinforce them to meet the fresh forces which Great Britain is

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Russia Orders Forty Thousand Tons of Light Rails

PITTSBURGH, March 12.—The Russian government has ordered 40,000 tons of steel rails of light weight from American rail-mills, a portion of which has been placed with the Carnegie Steel company and the Cambria Steel company, it became known here last night. The order is one of the largest "light" rail orders placed in several years. The Russian and French governments have also placed additional orders for barbed wire with companies in the Pittsburgh district. The last order calls for approximately 15,000 tons and is valued at more than \$500,000.

Comparison of the time of entry of the Zapata troops, as given in the Brazilian minister's latest dispatch, and the time of the killing of McManus, seems to establish that the American had been shot before the main body of Zapata troops entered. It was supposed that the Zapata troops, who attacked McManus here, were an advance party, and probably detached from their commander. The Brazilian minister reported that General Obregon, the retiring Carranza commander, evidently impressed with the tenor of the American not, made arrangements for preservation of order when he withdrew.

PRICE OF TIN PLATE UP FIFTY CENTS A TON

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Secretary McAdoo was operated on for appendicitis today at a hospital here. The physicians issued a bulletin saying the operation had been successful in every way and that their patient was in a very favorable condition. Mrs. McAdoo, President Wilson's youngest daughter, accompanied her husband to the hospital and waited in the anteroom until the operation was over.

STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

All roads lead to Omaha, whence the traveler can go by direct route to any other point. Omaha is the hub of a network of ten trunk-line railroads. Every day 171 passenger trains go in and out of this city. Unexcelled railway convenience is at the command of those who stop here.

Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics with The Sunday Bee

Murdered American Had Killed Two of Mexican Cattle Thieves

DENVER, Colo., March 12.—C. D. Wood, a Denver real estate dealer and a brother-in-law of John B. McManus, received a message from the State department at Washington today informing him of the killing of McManus by Zapatas in Mexico City. The State department telegram included a message from Mrs. McManus, dated yesterday, and transmitted by the Brazilian minister. It said:

"Johnny killed this morning. Attack on house. Rest of us all well. Were not there at time." RUTH.

Mrs. McManus was Miss Ruth Wood of Denver. She married McManus twenty-five years ago.

Wood said his brother-in-law had been a resident of Mexico City since shortly after his marriage, and that he was the father of four children. "Before he went to Mexico he was widely known among

Denver mining men," he said. "He owned a large dairy and other large property interests in Mexico City. Not long ago there was a raid on his dairy and the Mexicans stole several of his cows. He shot two of the Mexicans in the raid and when they came again yesterday they came for the purpose of killing him in my opinion."

A recent letter to Wood from Mrs. McManus said:

"The raids are so frequent that we cannot leave the children at our ranch. I have been uneasy about John for some time. There is a bunch after him. The Mexicans were members of a big gang of robbers who were here to loot the place. I think some of the accomodating friends of ours who are here are waiting to stick a knife into John."

DIES UNDER STARS AND STRIPES

Door of Home Over Which Old Glory is Flying is Broken Down by the Soldiers.

SALAZAR PROMISES PUNISHMENT

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—John B. McManus, originally of Chicago, a prominent American in Mexico City, was killed yesterday when Zapatas forces entered the city. An American flag was flying over his house and the doors had been sealed by the Brazilian consul, according to advices to the State department to-day from the Belgian minister in Mexico City.

General Salazar, the post commander, promised the Brazilian minister he would punish those responsible for the murder, which is said to have been one of revenge, because it was charged that McManus killed three Zapatas when they were in the city previously.

Secretary Bryan took the dispatches on the killing of McManus to the cabinet meeting and they were laid before President Wilson. Mr. Bryan said further reports on the punishment of those responsible were being awaited.

General Salazar also told the Brazilian minister, the State department advised that he would see to making arrangements for transportation of food supplies into the city.

Accounts of Killing Differ.

Mr. Stanchfield assured Franklin Kennedy, special deputy attorney general in charge of the prosecution, saying that his sole occupation for five years had been that of Thaw.

Mr. Kennedy was told that the post commander had planned his own escape from the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan because he believed that he was sane and that to remain in the hospital would cause him to lose his mind.

Actions Against Thaw.

Mr. Stanchfield sketched the case of the defense and laid particular emphasis on the claim that Thaw planned his own escape from the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan because he believed that he was sane and that to remain in the hospital would cause him to lose his mind.

The American's hat was full of holes, and that is said to indicate that the attack on him had been made from a short distance. After he had been killed the house was looted. The matter was reported to Generals Barona and Guerrero, who promised to make an investigation.

Secretary Bryan said that meanwhile no representations would be made pending receipt of further details from the Brazilian minister. He said that a full investigation would be made. The incident was regarded very seriously at the White House.

Obregon Leaves the City.

General Obregon, the Carranza commander, evacuated Mexico City with his